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FACILITY LOCATES DOWNED ALLIED AIRCRAFT#

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BETWEEN #849Z AND #855Z, 22 NOV 72, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM FACILITY REFERENCED A SHOOTDOWN OF AN ALLIED ACFT. IT WAS REPORTED THAT ONE MISSILE WAS FIRED AND DETONATED AT A RANGE OF 12 KILOMETERS. THE ACFT WAS FLYING NORTH OF VINH PHU (LOC, 23-10N 106-00E). THE ACFT JETTISONED ITS AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS JUST PRIOR TO GOING DOWN AND THESE WERE PICKED UP AND TAKEN TO THE VILLAGE OF YEN NHAN (LOC, 20-49N 105-45E). FRAGMENTS WERE SAID TO HAVE FALLEN OVER A LARGE AREA. MUCH OF THE WRECKAGE HAS BEEN RECOVERED, BUT THE CRUSHING IMPACT OF THE CRASH LEFT ONE PIECE WHICH COULD NOT BE RECOVERED. IT WAS STATED THAT THE PEOPLE WERE APPREHENSIVE OF DIGGING THIS PIECE UP BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF UNCOVERING THE BODY OF THE PILOT. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THIS WRECKAGE BEING THE RESULT OF THE SECOND ENGAGEMENT, THE REPLY WAS NO, AS IT IS DEFINITE THAT THE WRECKAGE FROM THE SECOND ENGAGEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN PICKED UP AND BROUGHT BACK. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THEY ARE PRESENTLY WORKING IN THE AREA OF DAI DONG (LOC, 21-04N 106-04E). THEY ALSO STATED THAT THE ACFT PIECE NOT YET RECOVERED IS NOT PART OF THE MISSILE ((PROB THE BOOSTER)) AS THE MISSILE HAD BEEN RECOVERED. COMMENTS, NO DATE OR ACFT TYPE WAS GIVEN FOR THIS ACTY. XXHH 326 01789 NNNN

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